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Legislative Update

BREAKING NEWS FROM SENATOR GARCIA'S OFFICE **A Legislative Bulletin for Residents of the 22nd District**

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BILL OF THE WEEK!

SB 951 & 952: Creates the Companion Animal Welfare Fund

In an effort to reduce stray pets and strengthen the enforcement of animal anti-cruelty laws, Senator Garcia introduced SB 951 and 952 this week that would create a Companion Animal Welfare Fund.

If passed, 951 will create an income tax contribution check-off option for \$2.00 or more to be placed in the Companion Animal Welfare Fund.

In connection to SB 951, SB 952 will take the funds created by this check-off option and use it to promote the sterilization and adoption of companion animals.

These bills are the 36th and 37th bills introduced by the senator this session.

Numerous bills were introduced this week!

Should you wish to learn more about the proposed legislation, please visit www.michiganlegislature.org and enter the bill number where indicated. The web-site will provide you with the bill's language as introduced and an analysis describing how the bill will affect area industry, the economy and consumers.

Senator Garcia is eager to learn how you feel about proposed legislation.

He welcomes your responses via e-mail at

senvgarcia@senate.michigan.gov.

Congratulations 22nd District on a successful Donate-A-Phone campaign!

We overwhelmingly exceeded this year's goal of 350 phones by collecting **437** phones for domestic violence victims.

A special thanks to all local business that collected phones for this year's drive and to all of the generous constituents of the 22nd District that helped to make this year a huge success!

We look forward to your participation next year.